

Amendments to the Specification:

After the title, please insert the following new heading and paragraph:

Related Applications

This application is a continuation of International Application No. PCT/AU02/00262, filed March 7, 2002, which was published under PCT Article 21(2) in English and is incorporated herein by reference. International Application No. PCT/AU02/00262 claims priority from Australian Patent Application Nos. PR 3565 filed March 7, 2001 and PR 4364 filed April 11, 2001, both of which are incorporated herein by reference.

On Page 1, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 10 and ending on line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

For centuries, wine has been sealed into bottles using natural cork. It is well known that natural cork can sometimes cause tainting of the wine. It is believed that the problem arises from ~~the chemicals used to treat natural cork, or from adhesive in the case of corks made from cork particles~~ production of 2, 4, 6 – trichloranisole, caused when microorganisms in natural cork combined with chemical contaminants use in production processors to kill bacteria. The tainting can be severe, in that the wine is “corked” and is undrinkable. A less severe result is that the wine, while still drinkable, has been spoiled to a sufficient degree to change the wine and to leave an undesirable impression on the consumer, who may not be aware that the wine may have been subject to tainting.

On Page 2, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 and ending on line 27, with the following amended paragraph:

Accordingly, in a first aspect, this invention provides a closure for a passageway having one or more walls and ~~an opening~~ a mouth defined by the wall or walls, the closure ~~adapted in use to extend from the opening at least part way along the wall or walls, characterised in that the closure has a concertina~~

~~element adapted to retain the closure in use in place between the wall or walls, the concertina element being capable of being released to allow the closure to be removed from the wall or walls~~including:

An upper end adapted in use to be located at the mouth;

A base adapted in use to be located within the wall or walls remote from the mouth; and

A concertina element having internal folds and external folds, the concertina element being adapted to retain the closure in use in place between the wall or walls and being capable of being unfolded to allow the closure to be removed from the wall or walls,

characterized in that the base is closed.

On Page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 11 and ending on line 16, with the following amended paragraph:

The closure ~~is~~has an upper end adapted, in use, to ~~extend from the opening at least part way along~~be located at the mouth of the container and a base adapted in use to be located within the wall or walls of the passageway. Preferably, the closure seals the opening completely. In such case, the seal may extend only between the internal dimension of the wall or walls of the passageway, so that the seal does not cover the walls themselves. Alternately, the seal may extend to the external dimension of the walls. Embodiments of both versions are shown in the drawings, discussed below.

On Page 3, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 20 and ending on line 2 of Page 4, with the following amended paragraph:

The concertina element is ~~preferably~~ adapted, when folded, to retain the closure in place between the wall or walls of the passageway. ~~However, the invention includes embodiments where the closure is retained in place by means other than the concertina element, for example by friction.~~ The concertina element may have external folds which bear against the wall or walls of the passageway when the closure is in place. In another embodiment, the concertina element has folds which do not contact the walls of the passageway but which may bear against intermediate wall or walls of the closure. Such

intermediate wall or walls, in turn, may bear against the wall or walls of the passageway. Other configurations may also be possible.

On Page 6, please replace the paragraph beginning on line 15 and ending on line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

In another aspect, there is provided a closure for a container adapted to store contents, the closure being removable to permit dispensing of the contents, the closure including:

seal means ~~to resist the inadvertent escape~~ adapted to prevent the dispensing of the contents from the container when in a the sealed position ~~and releasable to permit the dispensing of the contents in an open position; and~~

processing means capable of interacting with external processing means and being adapted to receive, store and communicate data and/or information concerning the contents whilst the sealed means is in the sealed position, the processing means being physically housed in or on the closure and being adapted to receive and/or send data and/or information from or to one or more sources internal and/or external to the container.

~~wherein the processing means is physically housed in or on the closure and is adapted to receive and/or send data and/or information from or to one or more sources internal and/or external to the container.~~